

### **Remarks**

Claims 1-7 and 9-25 were pending in the application. By this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended and claim 13 has been cancelled. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

### **Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 1-4, 6-7, 11-13, 18, 24 and 25 were rejected under § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,541,885 issued to Caudill, Jr. et al. Applicants thank the Examiner and supervisory Examiner Rene Dye for today's interview in which the Examiners indicated that claim 1 would be placed in condition for allowance if it was amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 13. Claim 1 has been amended accordingly. Thus, the rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims is believed to be overcome.

**Conclusion**

Applicants have made a genuine effort to respond to the Examiner's objections and rejections in advancing the prosecution of this case. Applicants believe all formal and substantive requirements for patentability have been met and that this case is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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